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Fugitive arms dealer George Gregory Korkala, convicted of illegal weapons charges in New York, was returned to Manhattan over the weekend from Spain, authorities disclosed Monday.

The Nutley, N.J. resident who fled from the United States at the beginning of his trial was flown to New York from Madrid Saturday after a Spanish Constitutional Tribunal had granted a United States request for Korkala's extradition, according to Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

Korkala, 42, was convicted in absentia in 1981 of conspiracy to sell 10,000 submachine guns along with 10 million rounds of ammunition, explosives and other weapons to undercover police posing as Latin revolutionaries.

After he fled, forfeiting \$100,000 bail, he was subsequently sentenced to 17 and two third years to 53 years in jail by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Thomas Gallagan.

Korkala was arrested Feb. 25, 1982 by Spanish police at an exhibition of security devices in the Casa del Campo, a Madrid Hotel.

A co-defendant, Frank Terpil, 44, formerly of McLean, Va., a former CIA agent, also jumped \$100,000 bail and is now believed to be living in the Middle East, possibly Beirut, Lebanon. He was also sentenced in absentia to the same jail term as Korkala.

Terpil allegedly told police he once participated with dictator Idi Amin in the murder and torture of Ugandan prisoners.

Both Terpil and Korkala reputedly were heavily involved in gun running operations to Libya and Uganda.